

DISTRICT MEAT
CONSUMER PAYS
TOO HIGH PRICE

Some Dealers Charge for
Best Quality When Infer-
ior Grade Is Delivered.

FIGURES GIVEN OUT

Maximum Retail Costs
Fixed by Fair Price
Committee.

Disclosure that meat sold in Washington generally is not of the highest grade has been made by members of the District fair price committee, Chairman Wilson announced last night. He made public the long-looked-for table of comparative beef prices, showing maximum retail charges allowed on varying wholesale prices paid by dealers.

It was declared that the quality of meats on sale in local markets ranges from good to medium.

High Grading Charged.
"Indications are that some dealers charge a price proper for the highest quality meat, but actually furnish meat of a lower grade," it was asserted.

Claims of dealers that Washington meat consumers are unreasonably exacting in their requirements are not justified in fact, inquiry by members of the committee has disclosed. The price chart, which will be posted in every meat market in the city, allows retail dealers a maximum gross profit of 35 1-3 per cent on a carcass of beef.

Chairman Wilson emphasized that many dealers can sell beef profitably at less than this margin of profit.

Watching Price Boosters.
Any case in which a dealer increases his prices on the pretext that such action is permitted by the table of prices should be reported immediately to the fair price committee for investigation, he said.

Evidence presented to the fair price committee of specific cases of profit-

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UNCLE SAM FOREGOES
WAR LOAN INTEREST

Secretary of the Treasury Glass informed Congress yesterday of his intention to defer for two or three years collection of interest accruing on loans made by the United States to the allied powers during the war.

The Secretary likewise announced his purpose of funding the demand obligations of foreign governments held by this country into long-term obligations. Both arrangements, he declared, are "essential to the economic and financial rehabilitation of Europe."

The plans of the Treasury Department were conveyed to Congress in a letter addressed by Secretary Glass to Representative Fordney, of Michigan, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Prominent Generals Moved
To Mexican Border Posts

Assignments of commanders of important Mexican border posts were announced yesterday by the War Department.

Maj. Gen. Edward M. Lewis, now stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia, was directed to assume command of Douglas, Ariz.

Brig. Gen. Treat, stationed at Camp Sherman, Ohio, was ordered to take command of Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

AT WASHINGTON
THEATERS

National—Mrs. Fiske in "Miss Nelly of N' Orleans."

Shubert-Belasco—"Carnival," with Godfrey Tearle.

Shubert-Garrick—Thurston.

Poli's—"Sunrise."

Moore's Rialto—Mary Pickford in "Heart of the Hills."

Loew's Palace—Robert Warwick in "An Adventure in Hearts."

Crandall's Metropolitan—Eugene O'Brien in "Sealed Hearts."

Cosmos—Continuous vaudeville and pictures.

Crandall's Knickerbocker—Jack Pickford in "In Wrong."

B. F. Keith's—Vaudeville.

Crandall's—Stuart Holmes in "Love, Honor and?"

Moore's Garden—"Everywoman."

Moore's Strand—"Desert Gold."

Loew's Columbia—Sessue Hayakawa in "The Tong Man."

Gayety—"Burlesque; "Step Lively, Girls."

The Coliseum—Roller Skating.

CALLS ON VOTERS
TO PLACE HIM IN
BERGER'S SEAT

Henry H. Bodenstab is the candidate of the combined Democratic and Republican parties in the Fifth Wisconsin Congressional district to defeat Victor L. Berger, Socialist nominee, whom Congress refused to seat, and who has been renominated by his party.

BERGER ELECTED
TO HOUSE SEAT
ON EARLY TALLY

BULLETIN

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 19.—Unofficial vote in today's Congressional election gives Berger (Socialist) 24,367; Bodenstab (Fusionist) 19,561.

VOTE ON RAIL
BILL TODAY

Senate to Act on Measure
As Well as Sugar After
Night Session.

Efforts to bring to a vote the Cummins' bill for the return of the railroads to their private owners failed shortly before midnight, when the Senate agreed to recess until this morning at 10 o'clock.

Under the agreement the McNary sugar bill will be taken up at that hour, with a vote not later than 11:30, after which the Cummins' bill will be considered, with a vote not later than 3:30 o'clock.

Preceding the adjournment a number of proposed amendments were voted upon, all being defeated. The New England and Northwest delegations combined to defeat an amendment by Senator Jones, of Washington.

An amendment by Senator Stanley, of Kentucky, to strike out the penalty clauses from the anti-strike sections was defeated, 21 to 39.

Senator Henderson offered a substitute to the short-haul clause, which was rejected, 22 to 38, and Senator Poinchrest moved to strike the sections out of the bill, his motion being defeated, 19 to 41.

Sergt. Sandlin Named
To Escort Hero Dead

Appointment of former Sergt. Willie Sandlin, of Hyden, Ky., a high honor man of the army, as an escort for American soldier dead in their return from France, was announced yesterday by Secretary Baker.

Sandlin has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Military and the Montenegro medal. He has twenty-four dead Germans to his credit, standing close to Sergt. Alvin York in this record.

Raisins Good Only for Food
In This State, Says Court

St. Paul, Dec. 19.—The Minnesota Supreme Court today drove the last nail in the coffin of old John Barleycorn.

It ruled that citizens cannot manufacture liquor in their homes for personal use.

U. S. Releases Russian Leader.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 19.—Vladimir K. Vochetoff, acting president of the central union of consumers' societies of Russia, was released today by the immigration authorities and permitted to land. He will proceed to Washington.

Gold Certificates Legal Tender.

Gold certificates are made legal tender under a bill passed by the House yesterday and sent to the President for signature. It is believed that the measure would relieve the shortage of \$1 and \$2 bills in the country.

Bills Sent to Senate.

The four eight bills were sent to the Senate. They are: The bill for Frederick Van Nux, of Indianapolis, for the district of Indiana; Archibald Bonds, of Muskogee, for Eastern district of Oklahoma.

Army to Discharge All Men
Enlisted for War by Jan. 15;
Marines Out by ChristmasDynamite in Cow
Sets U. S. Back \$60

The House yesterday came to the aid of the man whose cow ate a strip of government dynamite and died.

A claim of \$60 by E. Willard, of Willard, Wash., owner of the cow, was approved. The evidence showed that an employee of the Forest Service threw a condemned stick of dynamite into the Willard pasture, which the cow took for food.

A claim for Mike MacGarvey's false teeth, lost when a falling beam in a shipyard struck him on the head, was also allowed.

U. S. TO DOMINATE
PACIFIC SHIPPING

John Barton Payne Announces Program for Two Passenger Routes.

The United States will contend for the passenger traffic on the Pacific Ocean on a large scale, it was announced yesterday by John Barton Payne, chairman of the United States Shipping Board.

Twenty ships will be employed by two lines, which will be established at San Francisco and Seattle. Vessels from the latter port will go direct to Japan and China, while the line emanating from San Francisco will use the southern route. It will be via Honolulu, the Philippines and Shanghai. It has not yet been decided which line will first be put into operation, but the board expects to make a decision within a very short time.

Several of the reconditioned German liners, which were in American ports at the outbreak of the war and were seized by the United States, will be used in the service and the board plans to also use some of the twenty-six large passenger steamers which are now under the course of construction.

The action of the board in deciding on two separate routes means that the American flag will be restored to the Pacific Ocean passenger trade in a way to make the American steamers, the rivals, if not the superiors of the Japanese ships.

Body 13 Years in Morgue
Is Purchased and Buried

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 19.—After having lain in the morgue thirteen years, the body of an unidentified negro was interred here today. The undertaker refused to bury him because he did not see where he could collect from. He held the body for payment, which didn't materialize.

Another undertaker bought it and buried it because he could not keep negro servants in the same house with the corpse.

Plan to Probe Election
Of Hoey of North Carolina

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 19.—Republican leaders of the Ninth Congressional District announced that they plan to probe the election of Clyde R. Hoey, democrat of Shelby, over John M. Moorehead, republican of Charlotte.

If alleged charges of fraud can be proved by affidavits to the Federal court indictments by a Congressional inquiry will be sought, it was stated.

Baker Steps on Soft Pedal.

Army officers will be ordered to restrain their opinions as to the Naval Air Service, Secretary Baker announced yesterday, as the result of the protest made Thursday by Secretary Daniels that inaccurate testimony had been given Congress on this subject by Brig. Gen. William Mitchell, Army Air Service.

Baker says he will investigate Daniels' protest thoroughly.

France to Free Boches Now.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The German peace delegates here today announced that Premier Clemenceau has informed them German prisoners of war in France will be returned immediately without awaiting the signing of the protocol.

Quits Bank for G. O. P. Job.

New York, Dec. 19.—The resignation of William B. Thompson as director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was announced today. Thompson has accepted the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee of the National Republican Committee.

Rome Treats With Lenine.

London, Dec. 19.—The Italian government is sending a mission to Soviet Russia to discuss plans for bringing about peace, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow.

Hospital Corps Members
Without Dependents Only
Exception to Procedure
Authoritatively Forecast.

Leathernecks Arrive from West Indies—Troops Being Hurried Home from Siberia.

All duration-of-war men in the army are to be demobilized by January 15, while those in the Marine Corps will be discharged in time to spend Christmas at home. It was stated yesterday in authoritative quarters.

Vessels carrying duration-of-war men of the Marine Corps from Haiti, the Virgin Islands, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and San Domingo, docked at Charleston and Philadelphia yesterday. The Delaware, carrying the remaining duration-of-war Marines, has wireless said will arrive in Philadelphia this morning.

Examined Aboard Ships.
It is understood Maj. Gen. Barnett, commandant of the Marine Corps, has issued a special order requiring officers on board these vessels to examine the men and prepare them for discharge within 48 hours after arrival at American ports.

Most of the Marines affected enlisted with the sole purpose of going to France and were bitterly disappointed when ordered to Southern waters.

Every effort is being made by the army to demobilize duration-of-war men as soon as possible. One transport has already docked at a Pacific port and another is due to arrive soon, bringing home from the Orient the last of these men in the Siberian expedition. They were delayed considerably because of difficulty in getting replacement troops to Eastern Asia to relieve them.

Some From France.
The U. S. S. America, expected to arrive at an Atlantic port today or tomorrow, is bringing home virtually

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ESTHER BLAKE
GOES TO ASYLUM

Mother Who Drowned Boy
To Regain Husband Love
May Not Improve.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Esther Miller Blake, charged with the murder of her five-year-old son "Buddy," was sent to the county insane asylum this afternoon by Robert Ingersoll, county judge.

Mrs. Blake will be held in the asylum pending an examination by a commission of alienists appointed by State authorities.

Judge Ingersoll's action followed reading of the report of the local alienist commission, which declared Mrs. Blake's mind was affected and that her condition might not improve.

Plan for Relatives of Hero Dead.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The American Red Cross and Y. W. C. A. took steps today to insure accommodations for relatives who plan to visit the graves of the United States fallen heroes in France. The "Y. W. C. A." and the Red Cross have prepared to open a chain of hotels and restaurants along the line of cemeteries marking the route of the American advances.

Business Men Back
Model Schools Idea

Business men of Washington are watching with interest and concern the conditions which now hamper the public schools of the District with a view to aiding the school officials in every possible way to relieve the situation. Heads of trade and civic organizations are thoroughly informed on the subject and when the proper time comes will help the school authorities get from Congress money enough to take the crimp out of the situation as it faces the school officials today and also to prevent a recurrence of existing conditions.

All of those interviewed yesterday by a representative of The Herald said Washington should have a model school system which other

cities might copy to their advantage and should not be compelled continually to beg Congress for funds with which to educate the children of the Capital, who include the sons and daughters of members of Congress and officials and employees of all branches of the government service.

Bonds for Schools.
While cities all over the country are floating bond issues of from \$50,000 to \$10,000,000 each to meet conditions of congestion in the schools and are going ahead with their plans, Washington school officials must wait until Congress gets ready to provide the money. All of them said the Federal Government should act promptly.

Civil Service Subscription.

The Washington Sunday Herald will be sent to any part of the United States or its possessions (excepting the District of Columbia or towns where The Herald maintains a carrier service) starting with the issue of December 7 and continuing during the running of the "Civil Service Coaching Course" for 50 cents, postage prepaid.

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Bar White House
To Tots at Xmas

Christmas at the White House will not be gladdened this year by the presence of the President's grandchildren, sons and daughters of Mrs. William G. McAdoo and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre.

It was decided yesterday that President Wilson's condition was not favorable to the noisy merriment in which the little ones might indulge.

The President is much disappointed, but has yielded to Dr. Grayson and other advisers who are doing everything to expedite his complete recovery.

Braving a snowstorm, President Wilson yesterday sat for more than an hour on the south portico of the White House, wrapped in furs. He also walked about his room, it was stated.

24 HURT, 11 BADLY,
IN CRASH OF TRAINS

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 19.—Twenty-four persons were injured, eleven seriously, when a Chicago & Northwestern mail train from Chicago telescoped the rock Pullman coach of No. 215, a train from Minneapolis, at Missouri Valley, Iowa, near here, today.

No. 215 was standing on a sidetrack with the switch open, according to reports. The speeding train crashed into the rear coach.

Baker's Recommendations
Are Favorably Reported

The Senate military affairs committee late yesterday ordered a favorable report on the nominations of four brigadier generals and three major generals after Secretary Baker had explained to the committee the system followed in promoting the men. Those to be major generals in the permanent army establishment are Gen. Dickman, Kernan and Harbord. Those to permanent brigadier general are Gen. McRae, Hines, Graves and McCain.

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Girl of 16, Who Killed
Father, Freed by Jury

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 19.—After about an hour's deliberation a jury at Doylestown, Pa., this afternoon acquitted 17-year-old Clara Bartel of the murder of her father at Roelofs. The girl shot him to death August 22 when he abused his wife and the girl's two small sisters.

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Thirty-two of the crew were lost. The U. S. Shipping Board steamer, Toka, went ashore west of Sambre, N. S., early today but was refloated and proceeded toward this port.

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SUN WAN, HELD
IN TRIPLE CRIME,
LIVED LIKE LORD

Food Galore, With Cigar, a Shine and Deck of Cards Provided By Police.

THIRD DEGREE DENIED

Detective Asserts Not Even Profanity Was Used Against Oriental.

Food galore, if he wanted it, a cigar thrown in if desired, a shoe shine to help keep up his natty appearance and a deck of cards with which to amuse himself, was the unusual treatment accorded Ziang Sun Wan, charged with murdering Ben Sen Wu at the Chinese Educational Mission when he was detained for investigation by the police in connection with the crime.

Sundry charge slips of the Dewey Hotel, where Wan was confined for a time, were displayed yesterday in Judge Gould's court, Criminal Division No. 1, showing the meals Wan had ordered and signed for, and other signed slips, showing that he had been given cigars, shoe shines and a deck of cards, were produced.

Hunger Order Denied.
This evidence was presented by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Balthus J. Laws to support testimony that Wan was not forced to go without food while the police were grilling him. The deck of cards, according to testimony, was given Wan and his brother Van when they were kept in a room at the Tenth precinct station.

In the face of calm denial of several police officials that any such thing had taken place, Attorney James A. O'Shea, chief counsel for Wan, endeavored to impress on the jury that the cruel methods were used in winning a confession from the prisoner.

Guy E. Burlingame, lieutenant of detectives, and Clifford S. Grant, inspector of detectives, who, with

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FAIR MUSICIAN
BARS "VAMP" OF
WEDDING MARCH

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 19.—Beta Clowry, leader of the orchestra at the Tacoma Hotel, is able to get harmony out of everything save the wedding march. The winsome wielder of the black baton has filed suit for divorce against Capt. Philip Clowry, U. S. A., alleging that her husband nominated her a "vamp" and refused to have her meet his fellow-officers for fear of losing her. The Clowrys were married in 1918, while the captain was stationed at Camp Lewis. He is now at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and his wife declares that his love has grown cold.

Magnetos Fill
Mudhole; Looie
Saves His Boots

Washington Soldier Tells Congressmen of Waste In France.

A "million dollar board-walk," millions of dollars worth of equipment, consisting of automobile tires, motor cycles and other valuable property, exposed to the elements for months and then junked; wormy ham fed to the men and government canned milk sold by grafting officers for personal profit, were some of the things existing at the A. E. F. Repair Shops at Vermeil, France, as told by Nicholas W. Guthrie, who lives at 341 Holmes place northwest, a former sergeant in that unit, to the subcommittee of the House committee investigating expenditures of the War Department.

Guthrie was overseas 18 months, spending a year at Vermeil with Motor Transport Unit 302. He served six months in a mechanical repair unit before transferring to the Motor Transport. He went overseas January 3, 1917, and returned last June.

Boots Kept Unsold.

The "million dollar board-walk," as it was described by the enlisted men, was composed of fifteen boxes of magnetos, was crossed a muck hole so that visiting officers would not get their boots muddy. Guthrie told the committee. He estimated the value of the magnetos at \$12